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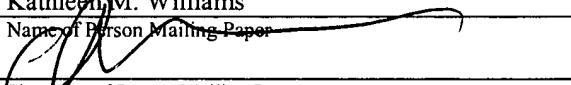
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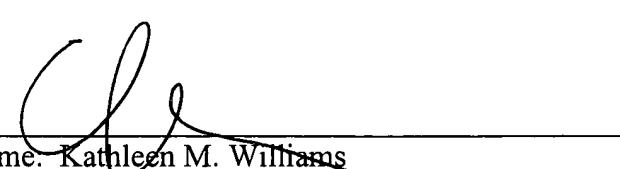
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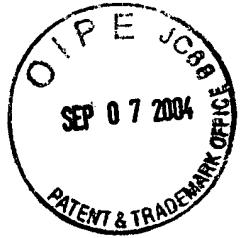
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Applicants hereby inquire as to the status of the above-identified patent application that was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 24, 2004. To date, Applicant has not received an Office Action. Please advise.

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